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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSERVATIVE AND CHRISTIAN PARTIES
LAY GROUNDOWRK FOR EUROPE-WIDE ORGANIZATION

1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: MEETING AT CHRISTIAN SOCIAL
UNION (CSU) HEADQUARTERS HERE MARCH 14-15 AT INVITATION OF
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CSU CHAIRMAN FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS, REPRESENTATIVES OF 12
EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVE AND "CHRISTIAN" PARTIES SOUGHT TO
PAVE WAY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC
UNION (EDU) LATER THIS YEAR. KEY ROLES ENVISAGED FOR EDU
ARE COORDINATION OF ACTIVITES OF ALL CONSERVATIVE
AND "CHRISTIAN" PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND CLOSE
COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY IN EUROPEAN

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PARLIAMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. TEN REPRESENTATIVES OF 12 EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVE AND "CHRISTIAN" PARTIES SOUGHT TO PREPARE STATUTES AND CHARTER OF NEW EUROPE-WIDE ORGANIZATION TO BE CALLED EDU. PARTICIPANTS HOPE THAT EDU COULD BE ESTABLISHED FORMALLY IN FIRST HALF OF 1977.

3. ROLE OF EDU: BASIC ROLE ENVISAGED FOR EDU IS COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF ALL CONSERVATIVE AND "CHRISTIAN" PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE. ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT EDU ROLE WOULD BE COORDINATION WITH EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OF ACTIVITIES OF EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (THE PARTY OF THE "CHRISTIAN" PARTIES OF THE EC MEMBER-STATES) AND THE CONSERVATIVE, "NON-CHRISTIAN" PARTIES. EDU SUPPORTERS ALSO HOPE EDU WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO COORDINATION OF CONSERVATIVE AND "CHRISTIAN" PARTIES' EFFORTS IN 1978 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

4. SITE: SITE OF EDU HEADQUARTERS HAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET BEEN CHOSEN, BUT BRUSSELS SEEMS MOST LIKELY CHOICE.

5. TWO CONSERVATIVE "FRACTIONS"?: CSU SECRETARY GENERAL TOLD PRESS MARCH 15 IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THAT EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF EDU WOULD AGREE TO FORM SINGLE "FRACTION" IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. HE EXPECTS, HOWEVER, THAT AS RESULT OF EFFORTS LAUNCHED AT MUNICH MEETING, THERE MAY BE ONLY TWO"FRACTIONS" IN CONSERVATIVE CAMP IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. FIRST WOULD
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BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND SECOND OF OTHER EDU MEMBERS.

6. ATTENDANCE: THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AND PARTIES WERE REPRESENTED AT MUNICH MEETING: FINLAND - KANSALLINEN KOKOOMUS AND SWEDISH PEOPLE'S PARTY; SWEDEN - MODERATA SAMLINGSPARTIET; NORWAY - HOYRES HOVESORGANISATION; DENMARK - DET KONSERVATIVE FOLKEPARTI; GREAT BRITAIN - CONSERVATIVE PARTY; FRANCE - UNION OF DEMOCRATS FOR THE REPUBLIC; PORTUGAL -SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER; FRG - CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION. THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (OEVP) AND THE SOUTH TYROLIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY WERE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS. BARON BERTIL OF UGGLAS, A MEMBER OF MODERATA SAMLINGSPARTIET, SWEDEN, ALSO REPRESENTED THE TWO FINNISH PARTIES AND THE NORWEGIAN AND DANISH PARTIES.

7. STAYAWAYS: THE "CHRISTIAN" PARTIES OF THE BENELUX COUNTRIES HAVE REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH THE CONSERVATIVE

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PARTIES, THE ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY SENT ITS REGRETS, AND THE FRENCH INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS REGRETTED FOR "TECHNICAL REASONS." GREECE'S "NEW DEMOCRACY" REGRETTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WAS NOT YET READY FOR COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SWITZERLAND'S CONSERVATIVE PEOPLE'S PARTY DID NOT ATTEND, BUT IS REPORTEDLY READY TO PARTICIPATE IN EDU.

8. COMMENT: CDU REPRESENTATIVE DR. HEINRICH BOEX TOLD PRESS THAT CDU HAD HAD ORIGINAL IDEA FOR AN ORGANIZATION LIKE EDU, AND THAT CDU LIKED IDEA AND SUPPORTED IT. IN PRIVATE COMMENT TO CONGEN, AN AIDE TO CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MEETING HAD NOT GENERATED CLOSER, MORE EFFICIENT COOPERATION.

9. CONGEN CAN SUPPLY NAMES OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVES IF
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